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**QUESTION OF THE VIOLATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS AND FUNDAMENTAL
FREEDOMS IN ANY PART OF THE WORLD**

**Letter dated 20 December 2000 from the Permanent Representative of Armenia
to the United Nations Office at Geneva addressed to the Chairperson of the
Commission on Human Rights**

I would like to refer to document E/CN.4/2001/107 of 22 November 2000 containing a letter from the Ambassador of Azerbaijan and its annex, which transmits information received from the State Commission of Azerbaijan on Prisoners of War, Hostages and Missing Persons.

This document has been circulated under agenda item 9 of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission on Human Rights with the sole purpose of spreading a new wave of destructive propaganda against the Republic of Armenia and Nagorno Karabagh.

The data contained in this document can only be attributed to the sick imagination of State bureaucrats in Azerbaijan who still presume that Soviet-style propaganda could be effective for strengthening the country's position in the context of the ongoing efforts of the OSCE Co-Chairs of the Minsk Group to find a comprehensive peaceful settlement for Nagorno Karabagh. This document, signed by the Azerbaijani Ambassador, is a vivid example of how far Azerbaijan stands from the idea of finding a mutually acceptable solution to the above issue.

It is not the first time that Azerbaijan attempts to politicize the work of the Commission by submitting false and totally groundless information and scenarios drafted by different governmental authorities and "State Commissions".

In this way Azerbaijan jeopardizes the genuine mandate of the Commission to combat all forms of human rights violations, spreading State-sponsored propaganda in the Commission during its annual sessions and within its subsidiary bodies.

I would be grateful if you could circulate this letter as an official document of the fifty-seventh session of the Commission under item 9 of the provisions agenda.

(Signed) Karen NAZARIAN
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